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Halifax fire service facing human rights complaint

Filed in 2007, municipal council wants to know why it was left in dark

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A group of black firefighters has filed a human rights complaint against the Halifax Regional Fire Service.

As the fire chief defended race relations, city councillors demanded to know yesterday why they had been kept in the dark.

The human rights complaint was made in 2007 by the Halifax Association of Black Firefighters, but it had never been revealed to the public or council.

The group, representing the roughly 20 black firefighters out of 494 with the fire service, point to complaints dating back to 2002. Several allegations involve

racism and humiliation while at the Nova Scotia Firefighters' School. Many of the alleged incidents involved racial slurs, but the common thread is that investigations into the incidents were seen as inadequate.

In 2007 the department spent \$40,000 on an independent review by Shebib and Associates to deal with the allegations. But, afterward, the group still decided to file a complaint with the Nova Scotia Human



Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service Chief Bill Mosher speaks with reporters outside city hall yesterday. A group of black firefighters has filed a complaint with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission alleging racism within the fire service.

Offensive graffiti, emails among alleged discrimination

ALLEGATIONS Derogatory remarks about black people loving chicken and bathroom graffiti of the N-word are among the racist behaviour endured by black firefighters, according to documents obtained by Metro Halifax.

A complaint by the Halifax Association of Black Firefighters and a subsequent study by Shebib and Associates say one

prominent event involved an unofficial newsletter emailed to staff a few years ago.

"If you seem a bit bitter over your station assignments, just remember, you are not members of a targeted recruitment and therefore there is no political reason for you to be visible," read the newsletter *The Blaze*.

"Just shut up, be happy

you got a damn job and run your little white asses out there and be glad they are paying you."

According to former fire chief Mike Eddy, the newsletter was tracked to an officer already demoted for 10 months for turning a blind eye to racial slurs. But the officer could not be disciplined for lack of evidence.

PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX

Coun. Sue Uteck.

Yesterday council ordered HRM staff to investigate the issue.

Fire Chief Bill Mosher,

who has held his position since 2006, said it's possible his department should have been more forthcoming.

"Possibly we should have, but I'm not aware there's a written process to follow that says that when you get a human rights complaint that you run to council with every one of them," he said.

He said the department is working on an action plan, and other than the mostly isolated incidents firefighters get along well.

"Aside from these issues, which predate my term as chief, the issues day to day are great. I'm not hearing any complaints from the group," he said.

No tax hike this year, council tells budget staff

ECONOMY Halifax Regional Council is recommending staff hold the tax rate for the 2009-10 budget year.

Council made its decision at yesterday's committee of the whole meeting after hearing the second presentation to HRM's fiscal framework.

"Council is mindful of the world's economic volatility and wishes to bear no additional burden on the taxpayer," Mayor Peter Kelly said.

Council also approved a reduction in the fire protection area rate this year, to eliminate a \$4.7-million surplus that has grown in the FPAR.

A draft budget will be presented to council on April 28.

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Danceoff Finals tomorrow

The Danceoff Finals featuring some of HRM's top up-and-coming dancers will take place tomorrow at 6:45 p.m. at the Citadel Hotel in Halifax. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Shooting for the stars with Supernova fest

JON TATTRE
for Metro Halifax

Eastern Front Theatre is hoping the force of a one-man Star Wars trilogy will be with it as its Supernova Theatre Festival kicked off yesterday.

Artistic producer Scott Burke saw One-Man Star Wars Trilogy at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and is excited to bring it to Halifax as part of EFT's 10-day May Supernova.

"You get whole families there who know every word, like he does," Burke said of Charles Ross' one-hour play.

Other works include Jake's Gift, the story of a Second World War veteran returning to Normandy; Trudeau Stories, an insid-

Tickets

• Tickets for the May 7 to 17 festival are on sale at Neptune's box office. Go to Easternfront.ns.ca or call 463-7529 for tickets and information.

er's exploration of Canada's legendary prime minister; A Rum for the Money, a tale of ill-fated Newfoundland rum runners; He'd Be Your Father's Mother's Cousin, a Cape Breton caper; and Out of Frame, a photojournalist's account of the Iraq war.

After 10 years at the Alderney Landing theatre, Supernova is crossing the water to Neptune's Studio Theatre to take advantage of Halifax's downtown.

"We're trying to get a lit-

tle more of a festive atmosphere," Burke said yesterday. "We wanted to shake it up a little bit and get over here."

With \$20 tickets and half-price discounts if theatre-goers see more than one play a day, Burke is hoping people pop into a pub between shows before seeing the double-header.

"I'm looking forward to it all," he said. "You can see so much theatre in a concentrated period of time and it's a great variety from across the country."

Supernova includes the Ten-Minute Play Contest, which gives high school students a shot at getting their works on stage, and Last One Standing, an all-ages break-dance competition that will see who has got the moves to win.



Pamela Halstead, left, takes a puff from an inhaler as she talks with Sharon Bernbaum while they rehearse a scene from *The Toxic Bus Incident* yesterday. The Onelight Theatre production opened yesterday and runs until April 24.

Fear and loathing in Vancouver

JON TATTRE
for Metro Halifax

THEATRE In the wave of paranoia that swept North America after the 9-11 terrorist attacks, a strange incident on a Vancouver bus sparked fear passengers had been poisoned.

The *Toxic Bus Incident*, Onelight Theatre's new play, picks up where the media left off. Gary MacArthur's play synthesizes the fallout into Helen, a woman convinced

the dark-skinned man she saw on the bus released a poison. Her health is failing, but there's no evidence of an attack.

Toxic Bus examines the media-saturated world that led Helen to expect such an attack.

"The issue is not just one person's paranoia," director Shahin Sayadi said yesterday. "The bigger question has become our perceptions of the news we receive and how we put that out back to society. We really didn't want to wash it

off and say this woman is paranoid and that's it. Why shouldn't she be paranoid? We're not just saying it's pure racism and that's it."

Whether the incident was external or internal is up to the viewer.

"I'm not a teacher, I'm a story teller. People make up their own minds," Sayadi said.

Toxic Bus opens Friday and runs until April 24 at Neptune's Studio Theatre. Go to Onelighttheatre.com or call 425-6812 for tickets.

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The federal government is investing more than \$200,000 in a community-driven downtown revitalization initiative for Wolfville. The project includes improvements to Wolfville's Central Avenue and Main Street, including signage enhancements, public space development, a branding strategy and a downtown wireless network. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Doctor sues health board

Surgeon claims hospital renovation caused poisoning

A Cape Breton doctor has launched a lawsuit against the local health authority seeking more than \$10 million, claiming heavy metal poisoning caused by renovation work at a local hospital damaged his health.

Dr. Duncan MacIntyre, who performed oral and maxillofacial surgery,

worked for about six years at New Waterford Consolidated Hospital. MacIntyre launched a lawsuit in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Sydney against the Cape Breton District Health Authority on Monday.

Lawyer George MacDonald, who represents MacIntyre, said he would set out to prove that the doctor

was affected by heavy metal poisoning because of renovations at the hospital between 2001 and 2002, and could no longer perform surgeries.

The civil lawsuit, which started on Monday, will hear evidence for four days in a Sydney courtroom, then relocate to a Halifax courtroom for two weeks

where it will hear from a number of expert witnesses, including some who will travel from the United States. After that, the trial will return to Sydney for a final week.

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Weather Shelter from the storm



A woman shields herself from the rain as she walks down Barrington Street yesterday. There were no reports of significant flooding despite yesterday's rainfall.

Man given 90 days in jail after luring teenage boys

TRIAL A Truro man who tried to entice three teenage males to have sex with him was sentenced this week to 90 days in jail.

And Walter James McLean, 47, was warned to change his behaviour or be prepared for a stiffer sentence in the future.

"I don't know what caused Mr. McLean to commit the offences," Judge John MacDougall said, "but if he doesn't sort it out, he will be going to jail for a much longer period of time."

McLean pleaded guilty in February to three counts of inviting individuals under age 14 to touch him for a sexual purpose.

Court heard that on separate occasions between August and October last year, McLean invited three boys, all aged 13, into his apartment.

"If (McLean) doesn't sort it out, he will be going to jail for a much longer period of time."

Judge John MacDougall

After watching television for awhile, McLean asked each of the individuals if he could perform oral sex on them. In at least one case he had provided alcohol to his underage victim.

The 90-day jail term was part of a joint sentencing recommendation between the Crown and defence attorneys.

He also received two years' probation, must provide a DNA sample and his name will be added to the sexual offender registry.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Shutterbugs take note: Photo contest seeks Halifax memories

COMPETITION That picture-perfect moment in Halifax could lead to a nice vacation package in the city.

Destination Halifax has launched a yearlong contest titled Perfect Day Photo Contest. The grand prize is a fully customized and personalized Halifax vacation package.

The contest is looking for your favourite pictures that represent a special day or moment in Halifax.

To send yours in

• Photos may be submitted to the contest at <http://aperfectday.destinationhalifax.com>.

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CEO boosts scrappage program

Ottawa's support for auto parts companies is a good step towards helping the auto sector in Canada, but a robust scrappage program would give the struggling industry an even bigger boost, the chief executive of Ford Motor Co.'s Canadian unit said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Canada



Mounties win right to unionize

An Ontario court has struck down a section of the RCMP Act, clearing the way for the country's 22,000 Mounties to form a union. Ontario Superior Court Justice Ian MacDonnell said the section of the act that precludes unionization is unconstitutional, "because it substantially interferes with the freedom of members of the RCMP to engage in collective bargaining." **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Lawyer challenges Canadian terror law

Argues 'jihadi' videos freedom of expression

Said Namouh's computer held all sorts of videos, of American soldiers being blown up, the executions of "infidels," a how-to guide on suicide attacks.

But are these "jihadi" videos, and hundreds of online conversations drawn from the basement computer of this curly-haired Moroccan native with a fondness for Adidas soccer jerseys, the underpinnings of terrorism — or were they simply the goings-on of a man practising his right to free expression?

It's a central question to a terrorism case unfolding

in a Montreal courtroom that is challenging the constitutionality of Canada's terror laws.

"This whole business of promoting and advocating jihad is the heart of the case," said Namouh's lawyer, René Duval, outside the courtroom yesterday. "They believe my client has advocated criminal acts through jihad by putting things on the Internet."

Duval contends that the terror laws, pushed through Parliament following the Sept. 11 attacks, contravene the constitutional rights to freedom of

expression and religion.

"They have the potential to catch both speech that is acceptable and that which is not," Duval said.

Namouh faces charges of conspiracy as well as participating in, facilitating the activities of and extortion on behalf of a terrorist group.

The Crown says Namouh, 36, was a key member of the Global Islamic Media Front, considered a major propaganda arm of such terrorist groups as al-Qaida. It's alleged Namouh edited and disseminated many videos himself. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Montreal Circus in town



Canada's Cirque du Soleil perform a preview of their new show OVO (meaning egg in Portuguese), a teeming world of insects, in Montreal yesterday. OVO will have its world premiere in Montreal on May 8, and will travel to Quebec City and Toronto before touring the U.S.

Flaherty touts signs of progress

ECONOMY Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday he saw some positive signs that credit conditions in Canada were improving, despite serious strains in some segments of the funding market.

"I think we are seeing some small signs of little progress ... we're seeing some improvement in credit spreads, for example. We're seeing some small improvements in certain retail sectors. This

is progress," he said in an interview with BNN television.

However, he noted that the terms and conditions for funding of some small businesses and projects were still prohibitive and urged banks to do their part to loosen credit.

In coming days Flaherty is expected to announce the creation of an advisory committee to

help him identify trouble spots in the credit market so the government can target extraordinary financing, already announced in the budget, to those areas.

Flaherty will meet individually with chief executives of the country's major banks and life insurers over the next two weeks, he said. **REUTERS**



Gun owners pressure Tories

LEGISLATION Angry Canadian gun owners hope to pressure the federal government into renewing support for a private member's bill to abolish the long-gun registry by withholding donations to the Conservative party.

"I just returned the latest (Conservative Party of Canada) CPC donation envelope, without any \$\$\$, and with the following written across the form in black Sharpie," said a message to CanadianGunNutz.com from someone using the moniker Plinker, who sent back a donation form with the message: "No donation until Bill C-301 is passed. Scrap

Tradeoff?

- Saskatchewan Conservative MP Garry Breitkreuz's private member's bill would scrap the much-maligned long-gun registry, but according to critics, would have relaxed the rules on prohibited and restricted weapons.

gun registry." Another, calling himself Soulchaser, said he sent an unsigned cheque for \$1,000 and a note: "Support C-301 and this will be yours."

While the effectiveness of the boycott remains to be seen, such a revolt by

bedrock Conservative supporters is bound to cause some waves in the once populist party, observers say.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police warned this bill would allow transport of fully automatic and semi-automatic weapons to civilian shooting ranges, and would relax current restrictions on handguns, semi-automatic assault and tactical weapons.

Even though gun activists disputed this assessment, Breitkreuz said he was prepared to rewrite his bill after it goes through a second reading.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

TELEVISION Canada's federal cabinet is considering a \$150-million fund to help private television broadcasters, media reported yesterday. The fund would benefit private broadcasters like CTV and Canwest Global, though it is unclear whether the publicly funded Canadian Broadcasting Corp. would be eligible for money.

CRIME The pilot of a single-engine plane that was stolen from a college in Thunder Bay, Ont., and piloted across four states has been charged with transportation of stolen property and illegal entry, CBC News Online reports.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Alberta in the red

VICTORIA HANDSIDES
Metro Canada

POLITICS The Stelmach government released its provincial budget yesterday, which includes a \$4.7-billion deficit, the first in 16 years, and the largest in Alberta's history.

Despite the grim reality facing officials, Finance Minister Iris Evans delivered the news with optimism yesterday.

"In terms of the global recession, we're riding uncertainty on a tidal wave,

and we're in the best boat possible," she said.

Rather than borrowing from banks and accruing interest, over \$2 billion will be drawn from the "rainy day" Sustainability Fund to ease the burden.

"I don't think anyone celebrates having to spend dollars they'd saved for a rainy day, but we're fortunate to be able to do that in a situation with lower energy revenues and lower anticipated tax revenues," Evans said. "If we had just cut the budget, Alberta would be in huge turmoil."

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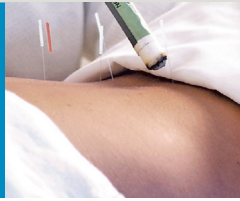
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Vermont lawmakers yesterday overrode a veto from the governor in passing a bill that would allow same-sex marriage, clearing the way for the state to become the fourth in the nation where gay marriage is legal. **REUTERS**

World



No needles for hot flashes

Acupuncture may not help relieve hot flashes in women undergoing menopause, a review of past studies has shown. Researchers in South Korea and Britain trawled through medical literature exploring the efficacy of acupuncture in relieving hot flashes, but evidence was scarce. **REUTERS**

Obama makes break from Bush

President Barack Obama's eight-day overseas trip yielded success on a top goal: signalling to the world a new U.S. approach that breaks with the "go it alone" style of President George W. Bush.

But Obama had more limited gains during his trip to Europe and the Middle East on issues like prodding allies to stimu-

late the global economy and help in Afghanistan.

Obama headed back to Washington yesterday after an unscheduled stop in Baghdad, where he pushed Iraq's feuding factions to compromise and urged Iraqis to take responsibility for their country so U.S. troops could leave.

In cities from London to Prague to Istanbul, Obama

got a rapturous welcome to his promise to listen and consult more, as he took his first turn on the world stage as president.

It made a high contrast with Bush, who was criticized for ignoring the advice of allies in his 2003 decision to invade Iraq and for failing to join the Kyoto climate treaty.

In Turkey, he won plau-

dit for his declaration that "the United States is not, and will never be, at war with Islam."

But at the G20 economic summit in London, European countries balked at his suggestion that they spend more to try to fight the global recession, as well as shoulder more of the burden in Afghanistan.

REUTERS

'No claim' on Iraq

• Obama told reporters he was sticking to the plan to withdraw all U.S. troops by 2011, and said he had assured Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki that the United States had "no claim on Iraqi territory and resources."

Aftershocks stall rescue efforts in Italy quake

L'AQUILA Strong aftershocks shook central Italy yesterday and hampered rescue efforts after the country's worst earthquake in three decades killed at least 235 people and left thousands homeless.

The strongest aftershock since Monday's quake scattered rescue workers and toppled buildings as night fell on the mountain city of L'Aquila, which bore the brunt of the disaster.

L'Aquila's mayor said one person died in the neighbourhood of Roio, but firefighters could not confirm this. The 5.6 magnitude aftershock was felt in Rome, 100 kilometres to the west.

"We advise people not to go back into their homes," Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said, adding rescue efforts would go on for at least two more days.

Hundreds of emergency workers used mechanical diggers and their bare hands to remove rubble.

At least 235 bodies were being stored in a makeshift mortuary at a school for Italy's Finance Police outside L'Aquila, local media reported. Some 1,500 people were injured, and fewer than 50 were missing. **REUTERS**

Man pleads not guilty to stealing Chen sex pics

TRIAL The Hong Kong computer technician accused of stealing 1,300 photos of actor Edison Chen engaged in sex acts with several starlets, has pleaded not guilty in a Hong Kong court.

Sze Ho-chun, 24, who worked in a computer store in Hong Kong, found and copied the images

from Chen's Apple laptop that was taken in for servicing in 2006, prosecutor Brayson Tse told the court. Tse said that Sze then put the images online.

The Canada-born Chen, a hip hop artist and Asian film star



Edison Chen

who has appeared in films such as Infernal Affairs, the Hong Kong triad film which inspired Martin Scorsese's Oscar-winning The Departed, has apologized and sought to weather the scandal by staying in Canada. **REUTERS**

Romania Protests flare



A man waves the Romanian flag during a protest outside the parliament in Chisinau yesterday. Thousands of demonstrators denouncing a Communist victory in ex-Soviet Moldova's parliamentary election smashed windows of the president's offices and hurled stones at police.

NOTICE: Easter Collection & Processing Services Garbage/Organics/Recyclables

Residents of Halifax Regional Municipality are advised that there will be **no** garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on Good Friday, April 10, 2009.

Collection services for that day will be provided on the following **Saturday, April 11, 2009**

No Collection Good Friday
Friday, April 10th



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HRM Recycling Plant **Open**
Saturday, April 11th, 7:30am to 6pm
Monday, April 13th, 7:30am to 6pm

Collection services can begin as early as 7:00 a.m. To ensure collection, residents may place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day.

For more information on HRM's composting and recycling programs, check your 2009 collection schedule, visit our website at www.halifax.ca/wrms or call 490-4000

The HRM's residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot will be **Closed** Saturday, April 11th, but will be **Open** on Saturday, April 18th from 9 am to 4 pm.

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N.Y. immigration centre gunman wrote to media before shooting

BINGHAMTON The gunman who killed 13 people and himself in a New York state immigrant centre sent a letter to a TV station before his shooting spree.

Jiverly Wong, a 41-year-old Vietnamese immigrant, opened fire on immigrants taking an exam to become U.S. citizens in the Binghamton building where he had been studying English.

"I am Jiverly Wong shooting the people," began the letter sent to News 10 Now of Syracuse, N.Y.

Wong apologized for his poor English in the rambling, hand-written letter.

Motive unclear

• Binghamton's police chief said no motive for the shooting had been determined, but confirmed that Wong had felt degraded by his inability to speak English and by a recent job loss.

"Of course you need to know why I shooting?" he wrote, but never fully explained the reason. He made unclear references to police harassment he received in New York and California before ending with, "And you have a nice day." **REUTERS**

News in brief

PERU Former president Alberto Fujimori was convicted of human rights crimes yesterday. A three-judge panel convicted him for ordering a military death squad to carry out two massacres that killed 25 people during his 1990-2000 rule, when he was battling guerrillas. Nearly 70,000 people died in two decades of conflict. Fujimori, 70, could spend the rest of his life in prison if he receives a lengthy sentence.

GERMANY A 60-year-old cook fatally shot his sister-in-law, wounded two other people and then killed himself in a courthouse in the German town of Landshut yesterday. The man was in a legal battle with his in-laws over an inheritance, and suddenly opened fire with a revolver during a break in proceedings in the hallway of the court. **REUTERS**

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Get your head out of sand

Climate change is not a left-wing conspiracy

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What, I must ask, is the irresistible allure of ignorance?

I understand inadvertent ignorance; I admit to being one of its victims. But willful ignorance is another matter. We're in the middle of an ignorance revival, and I just don't understand what the enthusiasts get out of it.

Take global warming. That it's real is beyond dispute. The polar ice caps are melting! One-third of the summer ice in the Arctic Ocean has melted, and some sci-

tists think the Arctic summer will be ice-free by 2013.

At the South Pole, an ice bridge holding the Wilkins shelf to the continent gave way over the weekend, which means the shelf, about the size of Jamaica, is in danger of sinking into the sea, one of 10 such shelves, some 10,000 years old, now shrinking.

Despite these and a million other signs, global warming deniers persist in seeing the whole problem as some kind of cooked-up left-wing conspiracy to deprive us of our right to drive a Hummer.

This attitude is most firmly entrenched in places like the Frontier

Centre for Public Policy, based in Winnipeg, which bills itself as an "independent think tank." I'm glad they cleared that up: It's hard to tell if anyone is thinking by going to their website, where piece after piece dismisses the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which won the Nobel Prize for its work on global warming, as some kind of fraud.

For example, it huffs the head of the panel is an economist, not a scientist. So OK, here's a scientist: Dr. Andrew Weaver, a climatologist and lead author of the landmark IPCC report that won the Nobel for "efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change."

Dr. Weaver is so distressed by opposition to the effort to fight global warming he recently issued an urgent cry: "The scientific community has a very solid understanding of

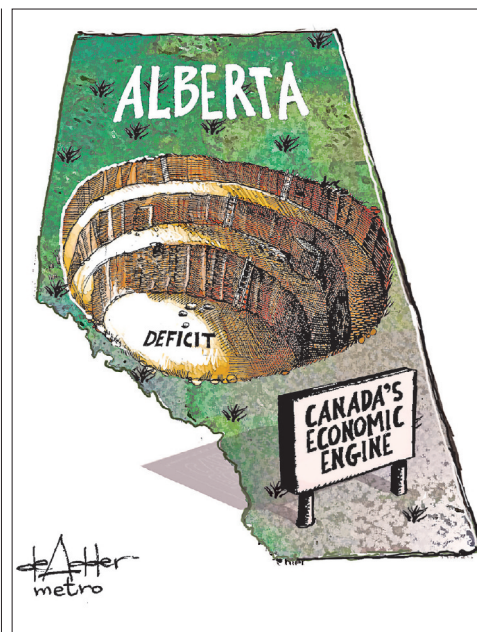
what is causing global warming: It is overwhelmingly because of the combustion of fossil fuels."

Dr. Weaver is alarmed because ignorance is not confined to the right. From the left, "environmentalists" have taken to opposing every effort to switch to alternative, non-fossil fuel sources: Wind turbines allegedly endanger birds, hydro lines cause brain cancer, run-of-river hydro generation kills rivers. Even if it doesn't.

So, although the polar ice caps are melting, although real deal scientists such as Dr. Weaver try to warn us that time is running out to address global warming, we continue to try and argue it out of existence or complain the move to alternative energy has its own issues.

Good, there's that threat dealt with. I'll just stick my head back into the sand, and with any luck I'll be long gone by the time anyone has to reap the heat.

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Letters

Gunning it

Re: *Gun control victim in Tories legislation (April 7)*

In my opinion Ms. Cukier has attempted to cloud the issue of long-gun registration in Canada with statements such as "powerful semi-automatic rifles like the one used by Marc Lepine." This surely is meant to draw on peoples emotions. Most semi-automatic rifles are in fact less powerful than most hunting rifles.

Who does Ms. Cukier believe the "gun lobby" is? They are ordinary Canadians who believe criminals should be punished and that some of these privileges as citizens of Canada are in danger.

Firearms licensing has been in place in Canada since 1979 for long guns and yes, Canada did try long-gun registration during the Second World War. It was not effective and as with the current legislation unpopular.

The statistics Ms. Cukier states may have nothing to do with firearms legislation and more to do with social economic cycles of our country. As she notes, 32

people were killed in 2007. Canada was enjoying an economic high, whereas in 1991 we were in an economic downturn.

JOHN MORRISSEY, AIRDRIE, ALTA.

Gun argument in the bin

Re: *Gun control victim in Tories legislation (April 7)*

This article has led me to decide I will no longer be getting any sort of news from Metro as this article is clearly one-sided and a waste of paper.

I noticed how Wendy didn't mention the federal gun registry is illegal as the right to restrict personal property is not the right of the federal government, but the provincial government.

After reading this article I thought was being written by someone close to the gun control movement, she would have at least had most of her facts right.

I would like to thank you for your time and am pleased to inform you your paper is now in the recycling bin so it may be used again for a better purpose.

LEVI KEYS, CALGARY

Word on the street: How will raising the minimum wage affect the Canadian economy?

Christine
Ouellette

age 27, Halifax

A: It won't really. It's a national progression, even if you had a hard economy it will still slowly go up with inflation of all the other prices.

John
Daley

age 21, Halifax

A: People are going to spend what they need to spend anyway. I don't think a few cents is going to make a big difference in the long run.

Kiah
Munn

age 19, Halifax

A: It will probably make everything go up in price.

Stephanie
Tsokas

age 35, Vancouver

A: I don't think it will help. People getting paid minimum wage won't see the quality of their lives increase from another dollar.

Tom
Ross

age 26, Calgary

A: I don't think it will really make a difference because people are already making more than the minimum wage. I don't think it will help, it's not a very big raise.

Bill
Alexander

age 45, Toronto

A: Overall, I do think it's a good idea because it helps new immigrants and uneducated people make their way in society. It costs four bucks just to sit in a cab.



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Ottawa backs car warranties

Government to guarantee repairs even if GM, Chrysler fail

Canada will guarantee the warranties of cars sold by General Motors and Chrysler under a new program announced yesterday to help prop up the struggling carmakers, even as Ottawa said it must be ready for their possible bankruptcy.

Late last month the government, which says a disorderly bankruptcy in the sector would cause enormous damage, rejected restructuring plans presented by both companies but announced \$4 billion in bridge financing for them.

Warranties on new vehicles would be guaranteed by a \$185.3-million commitment program, regard-

"It will help consumers know that they have confidence when they buy a vehicle from GM and Chrysler during this uncertain period, that their warranty ... will be there for them."

Industry Minister Tony Clement

less of whether Chrysler and GM go into bankruptcy protection.

The program will be funded with cash contributed by the automakers and a loan from the federal government to pay for repairs covered by the automakers' warranties on each new vehicle sold until "the period of uncertainty" ends.

The United States has already announced a similar measure.

"It will help consumers know that they have confidence when they buy a vehicle from GM and Chrysler during this uncertain period, that their warranty ... will be there for them," Industry Minister Tony Clement told a news conference.

Clement also said the government will increase by \$700 million the amount of accounts receivables insurance that Export Development Canada can offer to auto-parts suppliers so they can get money owed.

He said the additional insurance support to EDC brings Ottawa's total exposure to auto-parts suppliers to \$1.25 billion, which is about 20 per cent of the \$5-billion auto-supplier support program announced by the U.S. government on March 19, and proportional to Canada's share of the North American auto market.

REUTERS

U.S. slaps duty on some Canadian lumber exports

TRADE The United States will slap a 10 per cent duty on some imports of Canadian lumber after Ottawa failed to abide by a trade tribunal ruling, the U.S. trade representative said yesterday.

The new tax in the long-running bilateral dispute between the world's two biggest trading partners comes amid growing concerns over nations around the world walling off their borders to protect jobs.

The U.S. economic downturn and collapse of the U.S. housing construction market has led to massive layoffs in both the U.S. and Canadian lumber industries.

The duty will remain until the United States collects \$54.8 million US.

Canada was found in breach of its softwood lum-

Rejected offer

• Canada offered last week to pay \$46.7 million to the United States to comply with the tribunal ruling, but the U.S. rejected the offer.

ber trade deal with the United States earlier this year, when the LCIA, formerly the London Court of International Arbitration, ruled Canada miscalculated quotas for some lumber exports for the first half of 2007.

The LCIA said Canada should collect a 10 per cent tax on the value of its softwood lumber shipments from Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba until \$68.26 million Cdn was collected. **REUTERS**

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Lawyer: Google helps newspapers

WEB Google Inc. helps newspaper websites make money through online advertising and does not misappropriate their content, a lawyer for the search engine said on the company's blog yesterday.

The blog post comes a day after The Associated Press, a 163-year-old newswire paid for by its member newspapers, said it was working on a new plan to protect its content from misappropriation on the Internet.

Some journalists have complained that search engines run by Google and Yahoo Inc. make millions of dollars off their news, and that it should belong to them instead. **REUTERS**

In brief

MEDIA The senior lenders of Canwest Global Communications Corp., Canada's largest media company, have agreed to extend talks until April 21 over borrowing conditions for its media unit, the company said yesterday.

ENERGY Biodiesel supplier Canadian Bioenergy and crop-processing giant Archer Daniels Midland Co. are carrying out a joint feasibility study that could see Canada's largest canola biodiesel plant built in Alberta. **REUTERS**

The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Business school keeps accreditation:

The Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University has maintained its business accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools.

Truro taxes going up:

Taxes are going up in Truro to pay for a budget heavy on road and sidewalk repairs. Town council unanimously approved its nearly \$21.2-million budget for 2009-10 on Monday. It means an extra cent increase per \$100 of assessment on both the residential and commercial rates.

Cardboard separation:

Under an amendment approved by Halifax Regional Council, the separation of cardboard from other types of waste by institutions, commercial enterprises and industrial operations will soon become mandatory in HRM — possibly as early as this fall.

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Case against Tillman pushed back
The sexual assault case against Saskatchewan Roughriders general manager Eric Tillman has been pushed back for two weeks. Tillman was not in court yesterday, but a lawyer appearing on his behalf asked that the case be adjourned to April 21. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Manu done for season

The San Antonio Spurs' NBA title hopes took a major blow late Monday with the revelation that guard Manu Ginobili will miss the remainder of the season and the playoffs with a right-ankle injury that has kept him out of 19 games since the all-star break.

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Habs kept from clinching

NHL RESULT

Rangers 3 Canadiens 1

Henrik Lundqvist made 24 saves to give New York a big two points as the Rangers handled the Montreal Canadiens 3-1 at Madison Square Garden.

Chris Drury scored twice while Nik Antropov also lit the lamp for the Rangers, who had dropped four of five coming into the game. Ryan Callahan had two assists in the win.



Nik Antropov, bottom, of the Rangers pokes the puck into the net for a second-period goal against the Canadiens in New York last night.

Not a slap shot

• New Toronto Maple Leaf Christian Hanson, son of Slap Shot movie icon Dave Hanson, scored his first NHL goal last night on a rebound. The Leafs beat the Devils 4-1.

With the win, New York has 91 points on the season and, coupled with Florida's 2-1 loss to Philly, a two-point lead on Florida for the eighth playoff seed in the Eastern Con-

ference with two games to play.

Mathieu Dandenault scored the lone goal while Carey Price was charged with three goals on 44 shots for the Canadiens,

who have dropped their past two games. Montreal has 92 points on the season and sits in the seventh spot in the Eastern Conference with two games left.

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Boston's Jason Bay drives in a run against the Tampa Bay Rays during the third inning yesterday at Fenway Park.

BoSox win opener

BASEBALL Josh Beckett had 10 strikeouts in a seven-inning performance to help the Boston Red Sox to a 5-3 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in the season opener for both squads at Fenway Park.

This series was supposed to get underway on Monday, but rain in the Boston area prompted a postponement.

Beckett (1-0), who went 12-10 last season, was charged with just one run on two hits along with three walks for the Red Sox, who were upended by Tampa Bay in the American League Championship Series last season in seven games. Dustin Pedroia and Jason Varitek each hit a solo home run in the win.

Evan Longoria drove in two runs while Carl Crawford brought home the other run for the Rays. James Shields (0-1) had a rough start as he was charged with five runs on nine hits along with three walks and two strikeouts in 5½ innings of work.

Boston grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first as Pedroia hit a one-out, solo home run over the Green Monster.

Tampa got the run back in the third as the team loaded the bases with a pair of walks and a single, followed by a sacrifice fly to deep centre from Crawford that scored Gabe Gross.

The Red Sox, though, answered in the bottom of the frame. With runners on first and third and one out, J.D. Drew hit a sharp grounder down the first base line that Carlos Pena made a diving play on, but Pedroia was able to cross the plate. Jason Bay followed with a single to right that brought home Kevin Youkilis and Mike Lowell, then a double was hit off the left field wall to chase Bay home for a 4-1 lead.

Varitek's solo shot that just stayed fair down the right-field line in the sixth gave Boston a 5-1 advantage.

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Manchester United held to draw by Porto

UEFA Manchester United's Champions League hopes were left hanging by a thread after Porto substitute Mariano Gonzalez grabbed a late equalizer in an entertaining 2-2 draw in their quarter-final, first leg yesterday.

The European champions looked to have gotten out of jail at Old Trafford when their Argentina forward Carlos Tevez came off the bench to fire home an 85th-minute strike from Wayne Rooney's clever back-heal to put the struggling hosts ahead 2-1.

It appeared to have capped an unlikely comeback after Porto stunned the home fans by taking the lead inside four minutes.

United defender Jonny Evans was at fault, sending a poor clearance straight to Cristian Rodriguez, who



Porto's Mariano Gonzalez scores past Edwin van der Sar yesterday.

ghosted round the Ireland international before curling a smart left-foot shot beyond Edwin van der Sar into the bottom corner.

Emmanuel Adebayor's

superb overhead strike secured Arsenal a 1-1 draw away to Villarreal in their Champions League quarter-final, first leg yesterday. The game was only 10 min-

utes old when Villarreal midfielder Marcos Senna received the ball outside the area and scored with a fierce drive that flew into the top corner.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

CIS Marc Rancourt of the Saint Mary's Huskies hockey team and Ghislaine Landry of the St. Francis Xavier women's rugby team were among the nominees announced yesterday for top honours in Canadian university athletics.

NBA Oklahoma forward Blake

Griffin has given up his final two years of eligibility and will enter the 2009 NBA draft after a sophomore season that ended with him being recognized as U.S. college basketball's top player.

CFL Alondra Johnson, Jim Mills, Rudy Phillips, Glen Weir

and longtime Calgary Stampeder director Tony Anselmo are headed to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame after 2009 inductions were announced yesterday. The five will be formally inducted during ceremonies Sept. 24-26 in Winnipeg.

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Metro Drive

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Giving your car's exterior a good wash is one of the must-dos after winter's onslaught.

Spring cleaning for your wheels

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Now that Canada is showing the first signs of warm weather after a long winter's nap, getting your vehicle prepared for spring consists of more than just putting your snowbrush and ice scraper away. If you want your pride and joy to last for years and minimize the amount of time spent in the shop, follow these essential car care tips that can be done by you or a professional, depending on your level of comfort.

Andrew Michael, owner of Michael Automotive Paint & Design in Barrie, Ont., has been fixing other people's paint problems for years, has restored all manner of vintage British automobiles, and also races an early-'80s Mazda RX-7 that's too wild for the snow, so it sits in storage all winter.

Michael's first suggestion to keep your vehicle in tip-top shape is to give its paint the spa treatment.

"Road tar, environmental pollutants, and all the dirt and grime acquired in the daily drive needs to be removed from your paint, and the surface polished to resist the accumulation of new grime, corrosion or rust," he said.

"While newer paint finishes tend to resist fading and will maintain their shine far better than those

of the past, the springtime polish is still not to be overlooked. Most detail shops offer this service that generally consists of a multi-stage system of thoroughly cleaning, compounding and finally polishing and sealing the paint to its original condition."

Also, aluminum wheels should be cleaned in a similar manner to remove all that caked-on brake dust and road slurry.

If you've been using your ride daily throughout the harsh winter months, your best friend should be a pressure washer.

While giving your car's exterior a good wash and close inspection for damage is obvious, try to get as far underneath as you can, getting out at all the salt, sand and crud that's collected there in the last few months.

However, do not be tempted to do the same under your car's hood as getting water in places where it wasn't designed to be can be extremely expensive to repair.

When it comes to mechanical issues, the most obvious — besides the

ubiquitous oil change — is to swap your winter tires to your all-season or summer-only rubber.

Beyond that, having inspections done on your cooling and electrical charging systems while at your local garage can prevent surprises.

"While it might have performed well throughout the winter, summertime heat can demand extreme duty from your cooling system," Michael warns.

Finally, taking care of the interior will pay off for both your peace of mind and your nose!

"Six months of slushy, muddy, salty boots dripping all over your carpeting can make it look like the floor of a hen house with the farmer on vacation," Michael said.

"Though manufacturers go to lengths to protect the floors from this corrosive cocktail, removing the dampness will aid in this and keep your vehicle smelling fresh. Steam cleaning can be done at most detail shops and will extend the look and life of your carpeting."

VW debuts hybrid tech

Volkswagen has announced that it will offer hybrid powertrain technology in Canada, under its new BlueMotionTechnologies brand, which was unveiled at the recent Vancouver International Auto Show, Canadian Driver reports.

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Extra care for performance cars and convertibles

- For those whose performance cars or convertibles get stowed away come the first signs of fall, there's additional maintenance and care that's needed to get them ready for sun-drenched drives.
- Regardless of the type of vehicle you're taking out of its winter hibernation, first do a visual check to see if anything has taken up a home in your car. Having mice, bugs or birds camping out in warm places in your car isn't uncommon. Clean out the spider webs as well.
- Next, change the oil as engines that haven't

operated in months can get seized or damaged without proper attention. Drain and flush your radiator coolant and gasoline in the fuel tank, and replace everything with fresh fluids. Inspect the car's brake lines and calipers and/or drums, because modern brake fluid goes bad with dust, air and moisture.

• "Trim and rubber seals should also be cleaned with the appropriate cleaners and conditioners to ensure they maintain their integrity and or elasticity and to keep from drying out, thereby creating leaks and wind noise," Andrew Michael suggests.



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Putting the sparkle on your ride may not be as easy as it seems.

Car care products explained

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

MAINTENANCE With the days of salt and snow almost over, it's time to get the shine back on your car again. You probably know that it's a bad idea to wash your car with dish soap — but putting the sparkle on your ride, inside and outside, may not always be as easy as it seems. Many questions pop up: What's a

glaze? Should you treat your leather? Does dashboard protectant actually cause long-term damage?

Jim Dvorak, a car care specialist at Mothers, a leading car care products company, helps sort out the basics in this interview.

Q If a new car has a warranty on its finish, why bother to wax or take care of it at all?

A A factory warranty is there to protect you to ensure that the paint preparation and application process was sound, that quality paint was used, and that it was cured properly. New-car warranties don't protect you from fallout or oxidation over time, which will occur naturally if paint is not waxed or cared for properly. Car wax, whether synthetic or carnauba (a palm tree derivative), acts as a sacrificial layer between your paint and Mother Nature.

Q Waxes? Sealants? Glazes? Polishes? What's the difference? Do many people get confused shopping for paint care products?

A There are a lot of products out there named to catch the eye of the consumer more so than to communicate their actual function.

"Wax" has become a segment of products designed ultimately to protect your paint. They traditionally have contained carnauba, though in recent years they might instead contain a synthetic wax or polymer. Some wax products also contain cleaners or polishes, while some are just pure wax.

A "sealant" is essentially a synthetic form of a pure carnauba wax, and can require extensive preparation and drying time, so they're generally sold in the "enthusiast" community to people who don't

mind spending all week-end working on their cars.

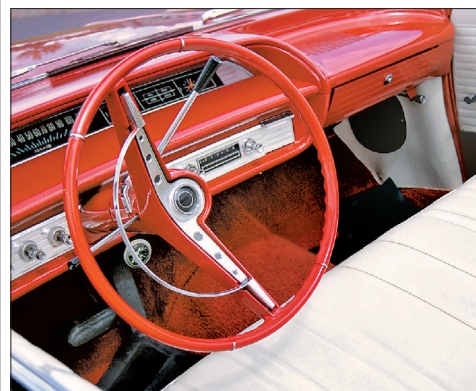
A "glaze" adds depth and shine while helping to fill in minor defects that normally reflect in the sun and cause a spiderweb-like appearance to the finish. A glaze should always be followed by a pure wax.

Q Should I treat my leather seats? Doesn't the factory treat leather seats so owners don't have to?

A Some factory leathers do have a coating to protect the finish to an extent — though they should also be maintained. A thorough vacuuming of the surfaces, especially the seams, will help to remove grit, which may damage the finish. A routine cleaning and conditioning should still be done next. Some premium leathers benefit from dedicated conditioners with natural oils, while others can get by with a combination cleaner and conditioner.

Q Is it true that some vinyl / plastic protectants can actually damage materials over time? If so, what's important to look out for?

A There are many myths about vinyl protectants — and some of them find their origins many years ago when some products were made of ingredients that did cause problems. The rumours were continued by people who used products as a last-ditch effort to revive their sun-beaten dashboard, only to find it became cracked — not realizing the pressure of applying the product simply accelerated the aging process. In other words, they used the product too late. Quality brands today use modern ingredients, which are safe, so these myths from years ago are no longer valid.



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Spring tire rituals can be divine

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Those pagans really knew a thing or two on how to throw a party come springtime. Summer solstice shows up, and they're out there sacrificing left, right and centre, staying up all night pondering the constellations, and hauling huge rocks around to make Stonehenge-like structures ... just generally having a ball.

In comparison, modern Western societies are a bit more muted in their spring rituals. The big ones in our neighbourhood are taking the Christmas lights down, and sweeping the porch.

But if you have a car, you're in luck, because car spring rituals have a bit more party mode about them. And nothing is more symbolic and uplifting than doing that divine swap — taking the winter tires off, and replacing them with the summer ones.

So here's a brief checklist to keep in mind, at that joyous, tire changeover time.

First off, hopefully you've got each set of tires (winter, summer)

mounted on their own set of rims. The alternative — mounting and re-mounting tires onto one rim set — can damage the tire beads.

Ideally, your summer tires should be balanced before they go back on, and then the car should be checked for alignment. If you got expensive rims and tires, you need to do this to protect your investment and get all the performance you paid for.

But if you're on a budget, you might modify this a bit. If the tires ran fine when they came off, chances are they will run fine now. The tire installer can determine a lot just by visually inspecting the tires. If they're not wearing unevenly, maybe

you don't need the alignment — at least until a road test proves otherwise.

Make sure your nuts are lubed with anti-seize. This makes rims so much easier to take on and off. A professional installer should do that automatically, but it doesn't hurt to ask.

Same thing for tire rotation. A pro will mark each tire in chalk, which corner of the car it was last mounted, so the next installer can rotate them appropriately. But this doesn't automatically happen all the time, so get it on the work order.

I'm pretty sure any installer will set the correct pressures of your summer tires. After that, it's up to you to visually inspect them, at least once a month.

It's so simple it hurts, but having the correct pressure in your tires is the best, cheapest, and most effective way of having a happy tire. And a happy tire is safer, more fuel-efficient and lasts longer than a grumpy tire.

The final issue with the winter-to-summer tire changeover is storage. Hopefully you got your winter tires back clean,



Swapping your winter tires for summer ones is a great spring ritual, says Michael Goetz.

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The big, small SUV

Roomy Toyota Rav4 not short of useful features

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While advertisers would like you to believe that bigger is always better regardless of whether the topic is department stores, dish detergent or diners, some people aren't into thinking big just for the sake of it.

Aside from the fuel mileage and social stigma, there are actually many benefits that come with owning an SUV that don't involve intimidating pedestrians. Having additional space to carry the tiny sprigs of your family tree with the peace of mind that come from an elevated driving position and four-wheel-drive are but a few reasons drivers abandoned the minivan and station wagon years ago.

Smaller SUV's have become commonplace for most manufacturers, which blend the aforementioned advantages within a package that is more likely to fit your finances, not to mention your garage.

Launched as a 1996 model, the original Rav4 was the first SUV to be built on the chassis of a car. The Corolla-based mini SUV was offered in both two and four door versions. While it was debatable which model was the more hideous of the two, the Rav4 has always enjoyed a decent-sized audience, primarily with women as a matter of fact.

It seems that blending

2009 Toyota Rav4

Type: SUV
Price: from \$30,235
Engine: 2.5L V4 and 3.5L V6
HP: 179 (V4); 269 (V6)
Torque: 172 ft-lb (V4); 246 ft-lb (V6)

Highlights

- Compact yet spacious
- Fuel efficient

small, fuel-efficient engines and off-road capabilities have become a winning formula for Toyota.

Thankfully, the mini off-roader was completely revamped in 2000 without the aquarium-sized windows and with less plastic Lego body cladding.

The third generation model was redesigned in 2006 and has received a facelift for 2009. Changes include a re-styled grille and bumpers, active headrests for the front seats and a more powerful 2.5L four-cylinder engine that boasts 179 hp and 172 ft-lbs of torque.

A 3.5-litre V6 mated to a five-speed automatic transmission is available on all trim levels, producing a respectable 269 hp and 246 ft-lbs of torque while getting the four-cylinder-like fuel economy numbers.

The Rav4 is offered in three variations: Base, Sport and Limited, which are available in both four- and six-cylinder engine configurations with a four-speed automatic transmission as standard equip-



The 2009 Rav4 is easy to drive, even when navigating city gridlock, which is unheard of when it comes to most SUVs.

ment.

The third generation Rav may still be considered a mini SUV, but it offers a roomy interior big enough for five adults, 73 cubic feet of cargo space and an available third row for the little tykes in Base and Limited form.

The Rav4 is easy to drive, even when navigating cramped parking garages or city gridlock, which is unheard of when it comes to most SUVs.

While the V6 version hits zero-60 mph in just over seven seconds, the four-cylinder version left something to be desired in the performance department with only marginally better fuel efficiency than its V6 counterpart. Handling is precise and predictable.

Standard features for the base RAV4 include 16-inch steel wheels, keyless entry, cruise control, a tilt/telescoping steering wheel and a six-speaker stereo with a CD/MP3 player and auxiliary audio jack. The Sport version adds rear tinted windows, 18-inch alloy wheels, a sport-tuned suspension, foglights and heated side mirrors.

Subaru to unveil 2010 Legacy

DEBUT Subaru Canada, Inc. (SCI) announced that the all-new 2010 Legacy sedan will debut this Friday at the New York International Auto Show, with bolder design language and a larger midsize package.

Legacy, renowned for its sporty handling and reliability, has been further enhanced with a longer wheelbase, a revised suspension design, 100 mm (almost four inches) of added rear seat legroom, and a new powertrain lineup that includes the new Subaru Lineartronic CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission).

The 2010
Subaru Legacy



The Legacy lineup for 2010 offers four well-equipped models — 2.5i, PZEV, 2.5GT, and 3.6R — along with several option packages for even more performance, comfort, and luxury. And, of course,

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Little Mermaid's big trip

The beloved statue that keeps watch over Copenhagen's harbour is leaving Denmark for the first time. The Little Mermaid will travel to China to be the centrepiece of her country's pavilion at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo. But the harbour won't be abandoned: China is sending a yet-to-be-unveiled statue to keep the Little Mermaid's place for her.

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Madrid's many charms

Great restaurants, galleries, shopping among attractions of Spanish capital

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There's something for everyone in Madrid — 300 days a year of sunshine, great restaurants and exciting nightlife. Art lovers can find one of the world's best collections at the Prado Museum, and cutting-edge contemporary art is featured at the Thyssen museum. Barcelona may have inspired Woody Allen, but Madrid is muse to the renowned Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar.



Left, El Rastro is said to be the world's largest flea market. Right, patrons lounge on the patio of a typical Madrid tapas bar.



Where to stay

Budget

Galaico Hostel: A simple but comfortable hotel located on Gran Vía, one of Madrid's main streets, and at the heart of the shopping district around the buzzing square known as Puerta del Sol. Double room from \$95. Gran Vía, 15; hostal-galaico.com.

Mid-range

Hotel NH Eurobuilding: Right in the centre of Madrid, NH Eurobuilding hotel is surrounded by some of the city's most iconic sites, including the Europe Tower, the Picasso Tower and the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. Corporate but stylish, with a spa. Double room from \$163. Calle Padre Damián, 23; nh-hotels.com.

Deluxe

Santo Mauro: Home to David Beckham for a couple

of months when he arrived to play at Real Madrid, this former residence of the Duke of Santo Mauro has only 51 luxury rooms and is located in the centre of Madrid. Suites run up to \$1,500. Calle Zurbano, 36; ac-hotels.com.

What to see

Palacio Real: The Palacio Real of Madrid (Royal Palace) is the official residence of the King of Spain, Juan Carlos I, although day-to-day he lives at the Palace of La Zarzuela on the city's outskirts.

This 18th century palace is now used for ceremonies, and you can visit its sumptuous rooms including the throne room, armoury and the collection of paintings by Goya, Caravaggio and Velázquez. Entry \$16; patrimonio-nacional.es.

Paseo del Arte: The Paseo del Arte or Art Avenue includes monuments, gardens and the best three museums around the Paseo del Prado — the Prado, the Thyssen-Bornemisza and the Reina Sofia Art Centre. The three art galleries have recently undertaken ambitious improvement and extension projects. The Prado has a new building designed by the celebrated Spanish architect Rafael Moneo and the Reina Sofia Art Centre has been enlarged by Jean Nouvel.

Retiro Park: The Retiro Park is a very popular green space in Madrid's city centre, not far from the Prado Museum and home to the large artificial lake called Retiro's Pond, which is the perfect place for a romantic boat trip. The park also con-

tains the Crystal Palace, the Statue of the Falling Angel and the Forest of the Departed, a memorial dedicated to the 191 victims of the March 11, 2004, Madrid terrorist attacks.

Gran Vía: The Gran Vía, built in the mid 19th century, was created to connect two urban areas, namely the Alcalá street and the Plaza de España square. It's a busy shopping and entertainment street, full of cinemas and restaurants.

Where to shop

Food

Mantequería Bravo: Pick up a bottle of Cava, the best of Spanish cold cuts and a wedge of Don Picón de Cuenca ewe's-milk cheese, earthy with rosemary and thyme; Calle Ayala, 24.

Clothes

Fuencarral Market: Located

in Chueca, which is Madrid's gay neighbourhood and one of the city's trendiest shopping areas, this market has more than 60 shops selling clothes, accessories, gifts, house decorations, shoes and records. You'll also find hairdressers, tattoo parlours, art galleries, clubs, restaurants and terraced bars; Calle Fuencarral, mdf.es.

Music

Escridiscos: Independent record shops in Madrid are rare. Escridiscos opened in 1977, and was the gathering place for bands in Madrid's '80s Movida movement. Nowadays it sells retro rock, psychedelic, indie and Spanish pop; Calle Navas de Tolosa, 4, escridiscos.net.

Souvenirs

Kukuxumuxu: Popular Spanish clothing firm with original designs, originally

inspired by the running of the bulls at the San Fermín festival. Their fun cartoons adorn T-shirts, sweaters, notebooks, pens and even pet clothes; Calle Mayor, 47, kukuxumuxu.com.

Markets

Rastro: Purportedly the world's largest flea market, Rastro is held on Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The streets of the entire area are filled with stalls selling just about everything imaginable; Calle Ribera de Curtidores.

Where to go clubbing

Underground

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Seeking remedies at the Mercado de Sonora

Want to find love or ward off evil? This Mexico City witches' market has you covered

The **TravelJunkie**

Julia Dimon

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Double, double, toil and trouble. Where does one go to see fire burn and caldron bubble? One good bet is the Mercado de Sonora, a sprawling outdoor shopping area in the heart of Mexico City that's the Walmart of the witch world.

It's a maze of alleyways stacked with hundreds of stalls, located on Avenida Fray Servando Teresa in the Venustiano Carranza borough.

For locals who dabble in witchcraft, or visitors looking to stray off the typical tourist trail, the Sonora market has all your ritualistic remedies.

You can find everything from antique amulets to medicinal herbs; live snakes to mysterious brews; and animal-shaped ceramic charms to powdered potions for health, wealth and romance.

The market is loosely organized into three parts: Healing herbs, Afro-Cuban paraphernalia and black magic.

Walking amongst the tribal rattlers, taxidermy rabbits and other accessories of the underworld, I met Bertha Gutierrez



Left, antique amulets, medicinal herbs, live snakes, strange brews and potions are on sale at the Mercado de Sonora in Mexico City. Right, Bertha Gutierrez Montes de Oca, a shaman who has worked in the market for 51 years, points out a range of ritualistic love potions, lotions and sprays.

Montes de Oca, a shaman who has been working in the market for 51 years. The five-foot-nothing elderly woman explained the ritualistic purpose behind the potions.

"Witchcraft plays a central role in Mexican society and medicine," she explained. "In the half-century I've worked here, the market has grown and the faces have changed but people's hopes and desires have stayed the same — hopes for money, love, good luck, marriage and fewer problems at work are among the most popular."

Navigating a clutter of products that claim to ward off evil spirits, Bertha took me to a set of stalls selling popular love sprays.

For the ladies, there are potions for better sex, long marriage and curbing a boyfriend's flirtations with other women.

For men, the art of seduction is a popular sell. Male customers looking to attract their heart's desire

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Bertha Gutierrez Montes de Oca

will find Bertha recommends a product called Quita Calzon. As belief has it, men looking for love must first lather their bodies with this powder and think about the woman for whom they yearn. The power of the talcum-like potion will cause the woman in question to succumb to the man's wildest fantasies, all for the equivalent of a few dollars.

Just in case there was truth to the bottles' claims, I dabbed on a little "true love" perfume, an aphrodisiac oil that promises to attract Mr. Right. In the rat race of today's dating scene, I figured a little sorcery couldn't hurt.

From there, Bertha showed me a soap called Tapa Voca purchased by



women who want to stop gossiping, and a pair of cloth voodoo dolls for women who crave more commitment in their romantic relationships. For every problem, the market sells a solution.

A visit to Sonora market is a culturally significant look into a side of Mexico most tourists don't normally see. I learned that, though these beliefs stem from indigenous knowledge and centuries-old traditional medicine, witchcraft continues to play a big role in contemporary Mexican society.

As for that love spray? I'm still waiting for results.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing Sundays at 9:30 p.m. on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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All-inclusive hotel concept launches in Singapore

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Boutique hotel Quincy, quincy.com.sg, charges a flat daily rate of about \$200 for a stay with benefits, including meals, drinks, the mini-bar, laundry and local calls, all normally billed separately.

The hotel said its concept would be attractive during the global economic recession. Quincy has deliberately pegged its rates lower than other larger hotels in Singapore's prime Orchard area where it's located.

"Quincy is a solution to the global economic downturn," hotel manager Frank Hardy told Reuters.

"From booking to paying, everybody here is a friend and a VIP. Everybody is the same. Our concept is based on what travelers have been telling us they want — a hotel that makes their life easier," he said.

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A view of a room at the boutique hotel Quincy in Singapore, a recession-friendly solution: the all-inclusive stay.

"There are resorts that offer all-inclusive stays, but we believe we're an industry first in terms of city hotel."

Daryl Lee

ization Pte Ltd, the largest private property developer in Singapore, Quincy has seen occupancy rates of almost 80 per cent since it opened last month.

The steel-and-glass modern property has 108 rooms with luxurious touches

such as a choice of pillows and designer amenities as well as necessities for business travellers including high speed Internet and laptop-friendly connections.

Daryl Lee, deputy director of Far East Organization's hospitality operations and mastermind of the all-inclusive concept, said he expects that the global recession would mean more guests for Quincy.

"There are resorts that offer all-inclusive stays, but we believe we're an industry-first in terms of city hotels," Lee said.

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Ham and lamb

Easter may be the greatest of all the holidays. As evidence let me offer a classic religious storyline, a gift-giving rabbit, painted eggs, a four day weekend and, wait for it, a fine excuse for some major eating and drinking. Since I'm all about the liquids I love the fact that Easter is unique in that ham and lamb, and not turkey, are the menu headliners.

When it comes to ham this little piggy likes fruitier wines. Since the meat is salty, and possibly glazed, a juicy gamay- or pinot noir-based red is a perfect match as is a medium sweet white made from riesling.

An off-dry multi-blend white with good acidity is a nice alternative and the 2007 Caymus Conundrum (\$26.95 - \$29.99) from California's Monterey County is a knockout that rides a flavour wave loaded with citrus and tropical fruit.

Lamb (no matter the cooking style) prefers reds, especially mature juice from France's Bordeaux and Italy's Chianti region. A Spaniard from the Rioja area like Grupo Osborne's 2002 Montecillo Reserva (\$19.99 - \$25.26) will also do the trick. Aged in oak barrels for at least eighteen months it's a rustic plum fest with touches of black cherry, cedar and spice.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Welcome the Easter Bun-ny

À la carte

Barb Holland

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Hot Cross buns have a mixed history. Some say they were part of pagan spring festival and later given the cross by monks wanting to give Christian meaning to the tradition. Other accounts tell of an English widow whose son went off to sea and she vowed to bake him a bun every Good Friday. When he didn't return she continued to bake a hot cross bun for him each year and hung it in the bakery window in good faith that he would return. The English kept the tradition for her even after she passed away. Holiday traditions often have pagan, as well as Christian roots and often the symbolism has been changed over time to adapt to those using it in their celebrations.

Hot Cross Buns

While it is now possible to buy Hot Cross Buns year-round, there is nothing quite like fragrant, soft and spicy homemade buns. Makes 12 buns.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 egg
- 1 cup (250 ml) warm milk, approximately
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) melted



There's nothing like homemade Hot Cross Buns.

- butter
 - 3 cups (750 ml) all-purpose flour
 - 1 tsp (5 ml) each: salt and cinnamon
 - 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each nutmeg and cloves
 - 1 - 1/2 tsp (7 ml) bread machine/instant yeast
 - 1/2 cup (125 ml) currants
 - 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped mixed candied peel
- Glaze:**
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) each granulated sugar and water
- Icing:**
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) icing sugar
 - 1/4 tsp (1 ml) vanilla
 - 1 - 2 tsp (5-10 ml) milk

METHOD:

In a 2 cup (500 ml) measure, light beat egg. Add enough milk to make 1-1/4 cups (300 ml). Add sugar, butter and yeast, stir and pour in a large bowl or bowl of standing mixer. Let sit 5 minutes.

In another bowl, combine flour, salt, cinnamon,

nutmeg, cloves, currants and peel. Add to milk mixture and mix at low speed until a dough forms. Using hook attachment (or by hand on lightly floured

surface), knead 5 to 6 minutes, or until smooth and shiny, adding more flour if necessary. Place in oiled bowl, turning to coat. Cover with plastic wrap;

let rise in warm place until doubled, about 1-1/2 hours.

Push dough down, transfer to lightly floured surface. Cut dough into 12 even pieces (follow directions above from this point for shaping and baking).

Glaze:

In small saucepan (or microwaveable glass measure), stir sugar with water. Heat over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Brush over warm buns. Let buns cool on baking sheet.

Icing:

Combine icing sugar, vanilla, and just enough milk to make an icing consistency. Spoon or pipe a cross on buns.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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Try a hat trick this spring

Punctuate your look with the season's hottest tête-toppers

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for Metro Canada



Men, shelve your wax and gel. Ladies, ditch those barrettes and headbands.

There's a new tête-topper in town, and without one, your spring style may read like an unfinished statement.

All right, so the hat isn't exactly anything new. Edie Orenstein knows that well. She's the eponymous creator of Vancouver store Edie's Hats. Over the course of the boutique's 25-year history, she's noticed that, while many people often admire hats, they say they'd never wear one.

"Who made up this rule?" asks Orenstein, with a laugh. She says hats are about giving permission to express oneself, likening the body and its fashion accessories to a sentence's nuts and bolts.

"A hat on top of the head is like a punctuation mark on the end of a sentence. When people leave their heads naked, they're not finishing the end of what they're saying. It's a lack of confidence about what



The classic school girl hat from Edie's Hats in Vancouver, \$35.

they're saying."

For women wondering how to punctuate their look, Orenstein suggests the classic school girl hat. "It's a round shape that you wear close around the head and has a little peak on it," she says, pointing out the profusion of different fabrics and trimmings the hat can consist of. "It's a cool little cap that pretty well

everybody that wears hats has two or three of."

To tailor a more romantic look, circa 1920s, Orenstein recommends a cloche. Named for its shape, the hat is named after the French word for "bell."

"The cloche is probably one of the most popular shapes for women, bar none," Orenstein says.

Cloches are made from an assortment of materials like cloth, felt, silk, leather, cotton or linen.

But the most popular icon in hats today, says Orenstein, is the fedora. "The fedora is this amazing creature that is everywhere, all over the world."

It's all over Aldo stores in Canada and the fashion franchise's public relations co-ordinator Michael Pilling encourages the style for men looking to contribute a hat to their closet.

"Fedoras are key!" says Pilling. "The fedora adds a stylish retro spin to any man's outfit." And considering the many shapes, colours and styles available, he says a fedora can fit anyone's personal style. "The fedora is a truly versatile hat — casual or chic."

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Spring into Style... Fashion on the street from coast to coast



Classic: "Today I'm just kind of classy. (My fashion sense) really depends on my mood," says Ottawa's Frederique Roy, 16. She says she wears whatever "suits me well."



Urban: "I get clothes from all over and put them together," says Vancouver receptionist Gillian Harris, 24. She is wearing a coat from Brazil and a skirt from Urban Outfitters.



Feminine: "I love classic feminine dressing," says Halifax's Simin Soleymani. This stylish student is carrying a Coach purse and wearing Guess jeans.



Chic: "My style icon is Katie Holmes," says Toronto's Ashley McClare, 24. "My favourite item that I own is my Jas M.B. purse (pictured)."

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Hulk smacks down reality love

Hulk Hogan has turned down the chance to find new love in a reality TV dating show. VH-1 network executives wanted the one-time WWE star to appear in a similar show to rocker Bret Michaels' Rock of Love and rapper Flavor Flav's Flavor of Love. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Entertainment

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Easter on film

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Unlike Christmas, with its more marketable associations to Santa Claus, flying reindeer and snowmen that mysteriously come to life, Hollywood typically tends to shy away from the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ and its bizarre association with a bunny that hides chocolate eggs. Go figure.

Still, while Easter may be hard to find at your local multiplex these days, cinema is not without a few classics that mark this season's biggest holiday. So, if you are in the mood for some Easter-themed entertainment, you may consider having a Good

Friday at home with one of these five movies instead:

Movie feature

• **THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD (1965):** A chronicle of Christ's life, Max von Sydow stars in what has been described as the "definitive movie of the Easter story." More than that, where else are you able to get Pat Boone, Sidney Poitier, Telly Savalas and Jamie Farr in the same film?

• **THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (2004):** If you want a darker experience this holiday, this Mel Gibson-directed epic is not for the faint of heart. Controversial, shocking and by some accounts, anti-Semitic, The Passion details the excruciating final hours and crucifixion of Christ.

• **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (1956):** Long before Charlton Heston was preaching about the right to bear arms (remember his "pry it from my cold dead hands" speech?) he starred as Moses in this huge Passover epic. Directed by Cecil B. DeMille, this classic follows Moses as he leads slaves from the tyranny of a pharaoh, parting the Red Sea along the way.

• **BEN HUR (1959):** Heston went biblical again three years later, starring as a wrongly-accused prince who sought revenge upon his accuser during the time of Christ. Ben Hur not only won a stunning 11



Charlton Heston starred in the The Ten Commandments.

Academy Awards, but it apparently resurrected MGM studios from bankruptcy.

• **THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (1998):** For a lighter holiday-themed story, look no further than this animated family film. Sure, it's a little disarming hearing Val

Kilmer as the voice of Moses when you are used to the boom of Charlton Heston, but this feature stays resonant by dealing in matters of slavery and notions of faith. Funny, I don't remember those issues coming up in Space Chimps.

Not so Desperate

Victoria Beckham is "too busy" to appear on Desperate Housewives. Eva Longoria, who stars on the show, hoped Victoria would land a cameo — but the former Spice Girl can't fit it into her schedule. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Hollywood in grip of remake fever

MOVIES The impressive opening of Fast & Furious gives fuel to Hollywood's obsession with movies based on, well, other movies. The 1980s have turned into a full-fledged garage sale of titles with Footloose, Dune, The Karate Kid, RoboCop, Ghostbusters, Red Dawn and The NeverEnding Story but a few of the titles in development. **REUTERS**

Kenya'sStyle**Kenya Hunt**

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critics' corner**Outlaw Bikers**

They prefer the distinction "motorcycle club," not "gang," thank you very much. This series, starting its third season, uses stock footage, dramatic re-creations, and interviews with bikers and police officers to give viewers a peek inside these organizations. This season focuses on three notorious groups: the Bandidos, Outlaws and Warlocks. 2 PM on HISTORY

**Just for Laughs 25th Anniversary**

Over the past 25 years, the Montreal International Comedy Festival has welcomed some of comedy's biggest names and rising stars. This silver anniversary salute counts down the 25 most memorable performances from the festival as voted on by fans at CBC's Web site. 8 PM on CBC

The Unusuals

On her first day in the homicide unit of the New York Police Department, Detective Casey Shraeger (Amber Tamblyn) quickly discovers that her colleagues are harboring a multitude of personal secrets, as is Casey herself. Even more uncomfortable: Her first case involves investigating the death of the former partner of Detective Jason Walsh (Jeremy Renner), her new partner. 10:02 PM on CHIF: 11:02 PM on ABC

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Tori Spelling is reportedly planning to design a range of clothing for children. The actress says that her two children inspired her forthcoming Little Maven range, which has long been a dream of hers, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Kate the cook?

CAREER Supermodel Kate Moss is picking up a new career: Cookbook author.

According to the Daily Mirror, Moss is coming out with a book of her own takes on popular recipes. She reportedly got the idea from her good friend, Stasha Palos, who has also written her own cookbook.

"Kate recently cooked (her boyfriend) Jamie a slap-up Jewish meal following kosher techniques from Stasha," a source tells the newspaper. "She loves her easy-to-follow recipes. It's all she's been talking about."



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Madonna and Guy play nice

PEOPLE As Madonna struggles with her failed attempt at adopting another child from Malawi, she has found one source of moral support: Ex-husband Guy Ritchie.

The director reportedly met Madonna and their children at the airport when they returned from Malawi.

As the plane touched down, he ran up the steps to greet the kids, with adopted son David Banda running into his arms for a hug, reports Britain's Daily Mail.



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LiLo and Sam over

BREAKUP After countless rumours and Twitter and MySpace updates, Lindsay Lohan finally made her split from Samantha Ronson official.

"We are taking a brief break so I can focus on myself," Lohan told E! News.

Ronson seems to be taking the split in stride. On her MySpace page,

her current mood is listed as "happy."

"Is (Lohan) upset? Yes. Has it been a rough week? Yes," a source close to Lohan told people.com. "But her family's around her and she's just focusing on business right now."

While a source says Ronson's family is hoping the split will be for good,

those in Lohan's camp want the actress to focus on herself for a bit.

"The important thing is that she's taking space and time to breathe," the source added to the magazine. "That's what her family is here to do — help make sure she takes care of herself."

Meanwhile, Us Weekly reports that the DJ's family is taking things a bit more seriously, going so far as to seek a restraining order against Lohan.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Zac loved birds and bees talk

PEOPLE Zac Efron says parents must be "passionate" about sex, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor — who is dating his co-star Vanessa Hudgens — says it is important for adults to be enthusiastic when discussing sex and contraception with their children.

Speaking about his talk with his father David, Zac said: "I just feel like my dad, at one point, had that conversation with me and my little brother, and always delivered it very well. He was very passionate about it."

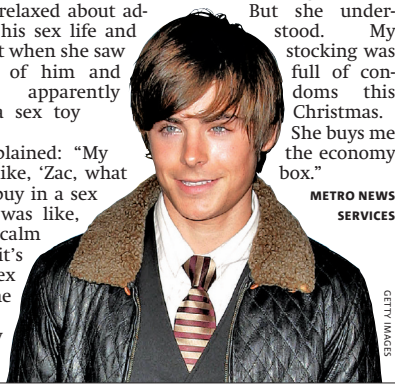
The 21-year-old admitted his mother Starla is not quite so relaxed about addressing his sex life and was upset when she saw a photo of him and Hudgens apparently leaving a sex toy shop.

He explained: "My mom is like, 'Zac, what did you buy in a sex shop?' I was like, 'Mom, calm down, it's not a sex shop.' She wouldn't have any of it."

"She's like, 'I knew you were being sexual!'"

But she understood. My stocking was full of condoms this Christmas. She buys me the economy box."

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Behind the scenes at the Hills

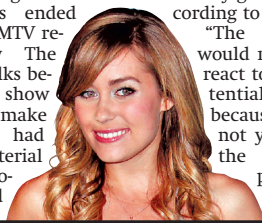
PEOPLE Though Lauren Conrad has ended her run on MTV reality show The Hills, the folks behind the show wanted to make sure they had enough material of her going forward

— so they got creative, according to Gatecrasher.

"The producers would make Lauren react to a lot of potential scenarios, because they're not yet sure how the finale will play out with the other

characters," says a source. "They would literally give her directions like, 'Now react to Stephanie Pratt being pregnant!' Lauren would just giggle and go for it. She also had to pretend to react to a fake story line about Audrina and Brody hooking up."

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Robert's daring audition falls flat

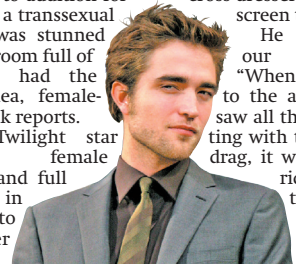
CAREER Robert Pattinson once dressed in women's clothing to audition for a role as a transsexual — but was stunned to see a room full of hopefuls had the same idea, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Twilight star donned female clothes and full makeup in a bid to win over

casting directors, but he wasn't the only wannabe cross-dresser at the screen test.

He tells Glamour magazine, "When I walked in to the audition and saw all these guys sitting with there in bad drag, it was the most ridiculous thing ever."

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Brit heads down under?

CAREER Britney Spears' tour may be heading south. Way south, eonline.com reports.

Attorneys representing the popster and father Jamie's conservatorship discussed in court yesterday the possibility of taking Spears' Circus tour to Australia.

Nothing was decided at the hearing pertaining to the conser-

vatorship, which has been in place since Feb. 1, 2008, and was extended indefinitely in December.

Another court date has been set for April 14.

The Circus Starring Britney Spears made a stop in Edmonton on Monday, after which the extravaganza hits Vancouver before heading south along the West Coast.

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Angie not eating?

RUMOUR While shooting her latest film, Salt, in New York, Angelina Jolie reportedly collapsed and had to seek medical attention, according to Britain's Now Magazine.

Sources claim that the trouble stems from Jolie not eating properly and working overtime.

"She collapsed between takes, complaining of shortness of breath and dizzy spells. She never eats properly when she's upset," a source says.

"Food is the last thing on her mind. She'll ignore breakfast, pick at lunch and skip dinner."

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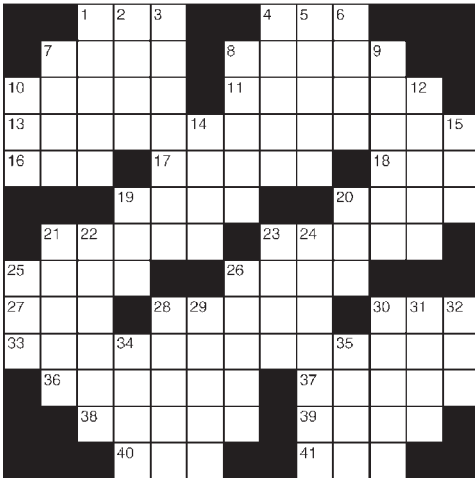
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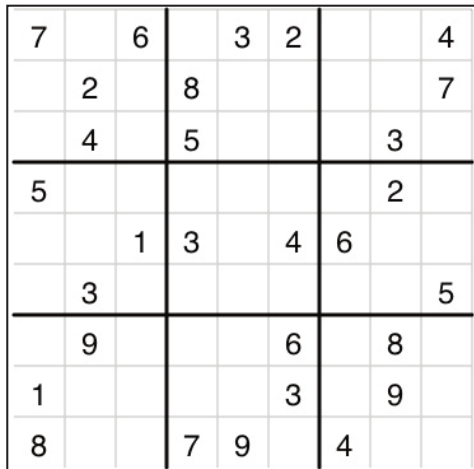
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Crossword across

- 1 Roman "Aloha"
- 4 Scrooge's outcry
- 7 Pinnacle
- 8 Regional
- 10 Rx, for short
- 11 French painter
- 13 With 33-Across, aphorism
- 16 Lair
- 17 Neckwear of a sort
- 18 Aye underoer
- 19 Son, on the Seine
- 20 Tour de France need
- 21 "Goosebumps" author
- 23 Home
- 25 Moby's pursuer
- 26 Suitable
- 27 Supporting
- 28 Flight component
- 30 Irate
- 33 See 13-Across
- 36 Asian capital
- 37 Throwing game ring
- 38 Jockey's handful
- 39 — Major
- 40 Pop
- 41 — out a living

Crossword down

- 1 Chef's garb
- 2 Bridal cover
- 3 Clarify
- 4 Drum type
- 5 Uneasiness
- 6 Rodgers collaborator
- 7 Farm fraction
- 8 Galvanizing agents
- 9 Nikita's successor
- 10 Despondent
- 12 Cobra or copperhead
- 14 Capri, e.g.
- 15 Storm center
- 19 Teensy tale
- 20 Tarzan's son
- 21 Piglet
- 22 Toothpaste target
- 23 Related (to)
- 24 Embellished style
- 25 Kabul's land (Abbr.)
- 26 Refuge
- 28 Old photo tint
- 29 Pollster's find
- 30 Deer kin
- 31 Largest of the seven
- 32 "Spring ahead" hrs.
- 34 Wasted no time
- 35 Gloom

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



8	3	6	4	2	9	1	7	5
7	9	5	8	1	3	6	4	2
1	2	4	7	6	5	3	8	9
9	8	1	6	3	7	2	5	4
6	5	2	1	9	4	7	3	8
3	4	7	2	5	8	9	1	6
5	1	3	9	8	6	4	2	7
4	6	8	3	7	2	5	9	1
2	7	9	5	4	1	8	6	3

Find today's answers + play more games at metronews.ca

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar
17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Beef Bean Chili

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 small red pepper
- 1 small, fresh red chili pepper
- 1 medium onion
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
- 1 lb (500 g) extra-lean ground beef
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) paprika
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ground cumin
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) chopped tomatoes
- 2 tsp (10 mL) tomato paste
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) red wine, or beef stock
- Salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) sugar
- 2 scallions
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) kidney beans
- 8 soft flour tortillas
- 4 tbsp (60 mL) sour cream

METHOD:

1. Rinse, dry, deseed and chop pepper and chili pepper. Set chili pepper aside. Peel and chop onion.
2. Heat oil in large, flame-proof casserole pan or braising pan and fry pepper, onion, beef, paprika and cumin over moderate

- heat. Stir constantly, until meat browns.
3. Peel and crush garlic. Add to the casserole pan with chili, canned tomatoes and their juice, tomato paste, oregano, wine or stock, salt and sugar. Bring to boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer 15 minutes.
4. Rinse, dry, and chop scallions; set aside. Preheat broiler to high to warm tortillas.
5. When beef chili has been cooking for 15 minutes, drain and rinse kidney beans, stir into the casserole pan and cook 5 minutes. Heat tortillas under broiler.
6. Transfer chili to four serving dishes, then add a 1 tbsp (15 mL) sour cream to each, sprinkle scallions over top, and serve with tortillas.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Something inspiring occurs in a danger zone. A lost person takes pleasure in your company. Listening to an authority is more enjoyable.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Avoid making late phone calls. Someone helps you to make your life change. You won't believe sympathetic remarks.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A daydream is a brief pleasure trip. Someone won't agree to a change. Make a plan to satisfy an appealing woman.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Being impulsive can do wonders for your health. An enthusiastic guy will smile at you. A man changes the pace of a romance.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An imperfect man's easy-going approach works the best. Someone needs to be referred to a specialist. Learn to be patient during hard times.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Spend time pleasing the people who love you. You're not sure of what you want. An insensitive woman grants a favour.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There aren't too many people giving you advice. A medical issue leads to a quick solution. Someone is sorry about their missed chances.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You need to get more sleep. Somebody doesn't want to be a hero anymore. A sweetheart comes up with a solution.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Do the right thing when a girl says no. A soft-hearted person is fun to watch. Treat yourself to one of your favourite things.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Keep an open mind with a special friend. An idea is strictly for fun. Don't discuss finances with a stubborn person.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You want more time with someone. Moody people can't stop dancing around a problem. An opportunity is beneath you.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Other people are stressed out over money. A romantic prospect demands more attention. Listen to your heart for greater understanding.

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WORDY GURDY BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. Fighter plane collection (1)
2. Waggle an anti-vampire tool (1)
3. British PM Gordon's large villages (1)
4. Fiend-sailor (2)
5. One giving an exam to a king's clown (2)
6. Analyst Sigmund's sci-fi bots (1)
7. Draw major attention to a post-sunset time (2)

ANSWERS: 1. FIGHTER PLANE 2. WAGGLE AN ANTI-VAMPIRE TOOL 3. BRITISH PM GORDON'S LARGE VILLAGES 4. FIEND-SAILOR 5. ONE GIVING AN EXAM TO A KING'S CLOWN 6. ANALYST SIGMUND'S SCI-FI BOTS 7. DRAW MAJOR ATTENTION TO A POST-SUNSET TIME

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